

UAS Faculty Senate

March 3, 2006 3:00-5:00pm

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

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Officers Present: President Lynn Shepherd, President-Elect Chuck Craig

Faculty Senators Present: Brian Blitz, Jennifer Brown, Eve Dillingham, Virgil Fredenberg, Lisa Hoferkamp, Joe Liddle, Tony Martin, Jane Terzis, Robin Walz

Others present: Maria Moya, Ginny Eckert

1. Approval of minutes for February 3, 2006 meeting ([attachment 1](#))

Motion to approve the minutes by Eve Dillingham, seconded by Brian Blitz.

2. Approval of agenda

Agenda approved by unanimous consent.

3. Assembly members' comments

None present.

4. Old business

A. Copyright ownership for instructional materials (attachments [4.A.1](#), [4.A.2](#))

Commentary related to union negotiated copyrights for faculty. Thus far no progress with union discussions. How important is it to faculty, because if it is negotiated with the contract, something else will likely get removed from the contract to compensate for it. Who owns the work that is created by faculty? Is it portable if a faculty member leaves UA? Should a copy stay for use by the University if the faculty member leaves?

No direction will be given to DESB on this matter.

B. B. A. in Biology program (attachment [4.B.1](#))

Ginny Eckert reported on the current status of the BA in Biology degree proposal. Virgil moved to support the proposal. Second by Eve Dillingham. The proposal was approved by unanimous decision.

C. Online course evaluations (attachments [4.C.1](#), [4.C.2](#), [4.C.3](#))

Discussion of concerns and suggestions about the online course evaluation process. Senate members individually prioritized the 11 concerns for tabulation. Conversation

ensued concerning how to focus the process to make a counter proposal to the current system. Consensus on a goal of formulating a proposal for discussion by the Assembly before the end of this academic year.

Robin moved to create a committee of three people to go over the document proposed by a subcommittee on January 19th and make another proposal that incorporates some of the concerns. Seconded by Eve Dillingham. The motion was approved unanimously. The committee will be made up of volunteers; Brian Blitz, Jennifer Brown, and Eve Dillingham.

D. Scheduling of classes on Friday afternoons

This came up as an issue at a Dean's meeting. The committee discussed whether classes should not be scheduled between 3-5 PM on Fridays to make way for committee meetings (faculty governance). Whether or not another resolution is required was discussed. A resolution to be passed on to the Chancellor by the President:

Classes not be scheduled for Fridays 3-5pm in order to allow all faculty members to participate in faculty governance and departmental business meetings at that time.

Virgil moved. Eve Dillingham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. New business

A. UAF memo re transfer credits for GERs within UA (attachment [5.A.1](#))

This memo provides a context for discussions to take place at a meeting of representatives from the three MAUs (see item 6.A.iii below) and should be brought to the attention of those interested in the GERs discussion.

B. Proposal for combined UNAC/ACCFT faculty evaluation schedule (attachments [5.B.1](#), [5.B.2](#))

Maria Moya spoke to the Senate concerning a proposal from the Provost's Office about putting the United Academics and ACCFT faculty evaluations on the same schedule. The work involved in running two different processes is onerous, so the goal is to streamline the process for everyone's sake.

Discussion ensued concerning the unions' (both UNAC and ACCFT) role in changing the schedule and process for faculty evaluation. It was also mentioned that this would be a good thing to be discussing with a proposed merger of the unions already on the table.

This will be put on the April agenda under "old business."

C. UAS HR Diversity Committee - representative ([5.C.1](#))

Call from John Pugh concerning getting a faculty member to sit on a Human Resources committee concerning diversity. This person needs to be appointed by the Faculty Senate.

D. Provost's request for committee to review the service component of workloads

The Provost sent out a call for volunteers for a committee to review the service component of workloads. This committee is tasked with immediately starting the review.

E. Nominations for Senate President-Elect

Lynn asked Senators to forward their nominations to her before the March 31st deadline.

6. Reports

A. Faculty Alliance

i) Electronic faculty workload system demonstration for UAS Monday, April 17 th, time(s) TBA

ii) Proposal to resume work on SW formulation of an Outreach Activities PBB – representative.

Looking for volunteers for this representative. The commitment is for a 1.5 day face-to-face meeting.

iii) Proposal for discussion of GERs sent to VPRAA Dorman

\$5K has been allocated by Craig Dorman for a meeting of representatives to discuss the proposal. A report will be required, and 5 representatives are needed from this campus.

iv) Instructional Designer Job Family draft 3 revisions approved

Comments from Faculty Alliance resulted in changes to the draft.

v) BOR passed NORP II defined contribution retirement plan with 3-year vesting

Information was presented by Lynn concerning the latest tier of the New Optional Retirement Plan and conversations that took place at the BOR meeting.

Eve Dillingham moved to ask the HR office to collect data on failed searches. No motion was passed, and this will be tabled for the next meeting.

7. Juneau faculty

A. Process and nominations for Campus Senator

The current Juneau Campus Senator (Brian Blitz) solicits volunteers. Tony Martin accepts the nomination.

Submitted by Tony Martin and Lynn Shepherd